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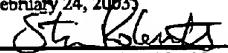
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For: CARBOXYLIC ACID AND AMINO ACID:
OR AMINO ACID CONDENSATE
REACTANTS AND MANUFACTURING
METHOD THEREFOR

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AMENDMENT

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PETITIONS OFFICE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 13, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1 and 7 with the following amended versions:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for manufacturing carboxylic acid and amino acid or amino acid condensate reactants, comprising the steps of:
providing first starting material, said first starting material being carboxylic acids;
providing second starting material, said second starting material being one of amino acids and amino acid condensates;
mixing said first starting material and said second starting material in a high-pressure withstanding container under an aqueous system; and